

Report on Teachers Workshop on the SAVE Project

The Saint Lucia National Trust conducted a major workshop comprising of teachers, representatives of referral agencies and private sector representatives aimed at outlining an environmental education outreach plan to be implemented in Vieux-Fort. This plan regards the Pointe Sables Environmental Area (PSEPA) and is to be referred to as: Schools Advocating to Value the Environment (SAVE) Project, which will be implemented among schools in District 6 (Vieux-Fort) initially. At this workshop, a SAVE committee was established responsible for managing the SAVE project in its entirety. Terms of reference for the project was also established at the workshop.

Summary of Concerns about Pointe Sables Environmental Protection Area Project

- Participants raised concerns about unplanned developments and unsustainable projects being established in the PSEPA.
- Participants raised concerns about proposed developments at Mankote Mangrove.
- The project does not seem to have support from the people of Vieux-Fort as they are most likely not aware of it.
- Participants do not want to see a similar development to Le Paradis Beach and Golf Resort in Praslin to be done in the PSEPA.
- The SAVE (School's Action Valuing the Environment) project was given overwhelming support by the teachers and other organizations

SAVE Committee Terms of Reference

- Development of criteria for schools joining the SAVE project
- Review and approve of applications from schools to join the SAVE project
- Encourage schools to become members
- Develop a plan of action for the committee and the project
- Develop rules and regulations for the SAVE committee and project
- Establish a structure for the committee
- Design and implement an awards scheme for the SAVE project
- Develop Goal, mission, values and objectives for the project
- Identify student representation for the committee
- Develop appropriate communications materials and develop a logo/mascott
- Advance environmental education generally and of the PSEPA generally

SAVE Committee members

- 1) Theodulus Eristhee : Vieux-Fort Technical Institute
- 2) Pauline Prospere : Grace Combined School
- 3) Teddy Emmanuel : Vige Combined School
- 4) Danny Cooman : Grace Combined School

- 5) Angelina Augustin : Special Education Centre
- 6) Petra Mitchell : Belle Vue Combined School
- 7) Anthony Sammie : Saint Lucia National Trust:
- 8) Gibbs Bakie : Coconut Bay Resort & SPA
- 9) Sarita Peter: : Department of Fisheries
- 10) Magdalin Marcellin : Department of Forestry
- 11) Peter Joseph : District Education Office
- 12) Darnley Lebourne : Southern Tourism Development Corporation